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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSE

- 2 A horseshoe is made from a metal matrix composite. The metal matrix contains
- 3 particles of a silicon boride composition. The preferred metal is aluminum and the
- 4 preferred form of the silicon boride is silicon hexaboride. The horseshoe is lightweight
- 5 and has superior wear resistance and good vibration damping characteristics.